



Jeanna Allums, Community Librarian, and Miguel Vincente, SGRL Director discussing the new SGRL library construction

New SGRL building under construction

By Carol A. Moore

Scheduled for completion in spring of 2018, the South Georgia Regional Library will be relocating from its current location on Woodrow Wilson Drive in Valdosta, near the SGMC complex, to an address on Julia Drive near Connell Road.

The former Doctors Laboratory Building is being ex-

tensively remodeled to house the new SGRL services, replacing those offered at the Woodrow Wilson Drive location. The new location was selected because the center of Valdosta has moved to about the Connell Road location, making it central to Valdosta's growing population and closer to Lanier County and Lakeland. The

Miller Lakeland Library is one of SGRL's branch libraries. Other branch libraries include the Allen Statenville Library, the Johnston Lakes Library, the McMullen Southside Library, and the Salter Hahira Library.

Information on the progress of the library can be obtained online by going to <http://www.sgrl.org/>.

SGMC Medics honored as Hospital Heroes

The Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County, Georgia honored Herbert Denton and Joshua Stalvey as hospital heroes at the July board of directors' meeting. Denton is a field training officer paramedic and Stalvey is an advanced EMT with SGMC's Emergency Medical Services.

The gentlemen were honored for their role in saving a patient's life through interventional treatment en route to the hospital. Denton and

Stalvey used their advanced training to administer a cardioversion to restore the patient's heart, which was beating irregularly or too fast, to a regular rhythm. They also started a cardizem drip, required by patients experiencing life-threatening cardiac conditions, and intubated the patient, an emergency procedure often performed on patients who can't breathe on their own.

"This patient would not be here today without the inter-

ventions of these medical professionals," said Shelia Warren, RN and Patient Care Coordinator on 4 West. "They are crucial to the overall continuum of care for our community and deserve this recognition."

SGMC EMS covers a total population of approximately 128,000 (Lowndes, Lanier and Echols Counties combined) and 1,132 square mile area. The service responds to approximately 1,700 emergency calls monthly.

OFFENDERS

From Front

Valdosta Road. Officers and detectives got behind the vehicle, a white Chevrolet Impala, in the 3400 block of North Valdosta Road. A "felony traffic stop" was conducted on the vehicle, which came to a stop in the parking lot of Music Funeral Home. Both Dickey and Welsch were both located in the back seat of the vehicle. Welsch was found to be in possession of a stolen handgun. Other occupants in the vehicle were also detained temporarily but were later released.

Valdosta detectives were also contacted by the Lakeland Police Department, in reference to Welsch, Dickey, and another subject, who was also found in the vehicle. All were needed for questioning in reference to a shooting case they were working from early Monday morning, July 10. Welsch, Dickey, and the other male were transported to the police department, where they were interviewed

by detectives, as well as the Lakeland Police Department. Both Welsch and Dickey were transported to Lowndes County Jail. The other male, who is 19 years old, was turned over to the Lakeland Police Department. Police have identified that offender as DeCorius Sirmans.

Ronald Welsch will face charges in Valdosta:

- Four felony counts of theft by entering auto.

- Four counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor (misdemeanor)

He is also facing charges in Valdosta of:

- Theft by receiving stolen property (firearm) (felony)

- Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (felony)

- Possession of a firearm by a minor (misdemeanor)

Valdosta Police Chief Brian Childress said this in reference to Welsch's arrest: "Valdosta Police have identified Welsch as one of the ringleaders of the multiple vehicle break-ins that have

been occurring across the city."

Aliza DeJun Dickey will face these charges in Valdosta:

- The current outstanding warrant for aggravated assault (the Azalea Woods shooting) (felony)

- Three additional counts of aggravated assault (felony),

- Aggravated battery (felony),

- Possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime (felony).

"The Valdosta Police Department recognizes the excellent work by uniformed patrol officers and detectives working together to safely handle a dangerous and tense situation.

"By the combined effort of the citizen who provided the information and law enforcement, several dangerous offenders were taken off the street and no one was injured," said Lieutenant Adam Bemby.

FAMILY

From Front

invited into the Galactic Starvevor's clubhouse and were shown that God is over the moon in love with them! The theme was based upon Colossians 1:15-16.

As the week of VBS pro-

gressed, the female participants and male participants were in competition to raise money for the Southside Missions Program as well as the Faith, Hope and Love Health and Center, locally. The kids earned almost

\$1,000 toward this effort with the girls beating the boys. Kyle Sirmans, Southside Baptist Church's Missions Coordinator, experienced the consequence of a pie in the face, since the boys lost.

VSU inspires state leaders

Officials from the Georgia House of Representatives Higher Education Committee, Technical College System of Georgia, Office of the Governor, and University System of Georgia recently spent the day discovering the many ways Valdosta State University inspires excellence on campus, in the community, and around the world.

The group kicked off their visit with a Peach State Summer Theatre performance. They toured various facilities, including the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Center for Applied Creativity and Innovation, Student Recreation Center, Education Center, Student Union, West Hall, and Health Sciences and Business Administration

Building. They learned about various plans for possible future growth and expansion and discovered the potential life-changing research being conducted by faculty, staff, and students.

By the end of the day, the group understood what makes VSU the flagship institution of higher education for South Georgia.



Gospel group Gold City returns to Lakeland

One of the most popular gospel music groups of all time, Gold City, is returning to the Jim & Mary Threatte Arts & Civic Center in Lakeland on Thursday, Aug. 10. Gold City played Lakeland in 2015 and 2016 to a packed house. Concert time 7 p.m.; doors will open at 6 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale this week at the Lakeland Welcome Center and online at LakelandChamber.org. Tickets are \$20 advance; \$25 at the door, if available.

The Gold City name is synonymous with setting the standard for male quartets since their inception in 1980. Many have tried to pattern their style and sound, but there's only one Gold City. Theirs is a stellar career with numerous number one songs, fan and industry awards, and prestigious honors. Yet this Gadsden, Alabama-based group remains down-to-earth, grounded in their Southern roots, and committed to continuing their

mission of delivering power-packed four-part harmonies and singing songs that are meaningful, entertaining, inspiring, and uplifting.

Remaining true to the heritage of the legacy of the past 30-plus years, Gold City continues to build on the great foundation that has already been established. In other words, there's a lot more in store for Gold City fans old and new, so get ready—the future is now and the best is yet to come.

CHICKEN BBQ



SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

MENU:

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